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REMARKS

Applicants have amended independent claims 56, 72, 88 and 100 to differently recite embodiments of the invention. Claims 56-111 are currently pending for consideration.

In the pending Office Action, claims 56-111 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement; claims 56-111 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention; claims 56, 57, 58, 59, 61, 63, 69-73, 79, 85-88, 90, 93, 100, 102, 105, and 109-111 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Sawada (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0115235, hereinafter "Sawada"); claims 58, 64, 74, 80, 82, 89, 94, 96, 101, and 106 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sawada; claims 60, 62, 76, 78, 92, and 104 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sawada in view of Yamada (U.S. Patent No. 4,899,126, hereinafter "Yamada"); and claims 67 and 83 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sawada in view of Radojevic et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0010275, hereinafter "Radojevic"). Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are in condition for allowance.

SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW

Applicants' representative would like to thank Examiners Ullah and Malsawma for their courtesy and consideration extended during the personal interview conducted on July 23, 2009.

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10/537.509 and refers to that application along with the present application and U.S. Patent No.

10/507,392, all of which were discussed during the interview. A copy of the Interview Summary

is provided herewith. As indicated in the Interview Summary, it was agreed that Applicants'

proposed claim amendments, consistent with those submitted in this Amendment, overcome the

35 U.S.C. § 112, first and second paragraph, rejections, and all 35 U.S.C. §§ 102(e) and 103(a)

rejections.

In addition, concerning Xuan (U.S. Patent No. 6,744,009, hereinafter "Xuan") that was

presented to Applicants' representative by the Examiners during the interview and included in

the Information Disclosure Statement filed on August 21, 2009, Applicants respectfully submit

that Xuan discloses laser scribing of the face of the substrate. Hence, for at least this reason, the

claimed embodiments of the present invention are allowable over Xuan.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 56, 72,

88, and 100, and the claims dependent therefrom, patentably distinguish over the applied

references of record. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections applied to

the claims in the pending Office Action are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance, and respectfully request reconsideration and timely allowance of the pending claims. Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this response, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative to expedite prosecution. A favorable action is awaited.

EXCEPT for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0573. This paragraph is intended to be a CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

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